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Minerals Inspection Report

Report Date: 11/06/2014

Reviewed 

Mine Name: Black Butte	Permit Number: S/015/0080	Mine Status: Active
Operator Name: Goldterra Inc.	Inspection Date: 10/30/2014	Permit Fees: Paid
Inspector(s): Wayne Western	Inspection Time: 12:10 - 12:40 pm	Bond Amount: \$7,600
Attendee(s): Dan Guy	Weather: cool and fair skies	Bond Escalation: 03/26/2014
Inspection Purpose: Operator request		Prior Inspection: 09/25/2014

Conclusions and Recommendations

The purpose of this inspection was to discuss with the Operator how to reclaim the site. The mine site was disturbed by in the past. Attached are inspection reports from past years. From the inspection reports there been disturbance at the site. Most of the disturbance was from trenching. During the inspection no evidence of the trenches were observed. ~~The trenches~~

There was an area which was staked with re-bar on a grid. Reclamation of the grid are should be done by removing the re-bar.

The access road to the site needs to be reclaimed. To the west of the site is a check dam that was constructed by the CCC in the 1930. The road to the check dam was preexisting and will not be reclaimed. The road to the east of the check dam was constructed as part of the mine and will be reclaimed.

The road to the site has not been used and in some areas needs work in order to access the site. The site can only be accessed by foot or on an ATV. On road vehicles would not be able to pass through some of the washes.





Elements of Inspection		Evaluated & Commented	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Protection of Drainages/Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Reclamation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The mine site was disturbed by mining in the past by trenching. The trenches have been reclaimed. The reclamation work would consist of removing the rebar. The area has little vegetation and there is no reason to seed the area. Most of the soil was derived from the Manchos Shale. See photos.			
7.	Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The trenches at the site have been backfilled and those areas have been reclaimed.			
8.	Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Inspector's Signature: _____

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		<p>Notice rock formation. This is an identify feature that is easy to use to located site. There are several pieces of rebar on site that were used as</p>
		<p>Mine area was not developed. A sampling project might have occurred.</p>
		<p>Mine area notice rebar</p>
		<p>Undisturbed area not lack of vegetation</p>

		Main access road to site Vegetation is limited along the road
		Main access road Surrounding area.



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Photographs

S/015/080, Black Butte Mine, GoldTerra

Inspection Dated: June 30, 2004; Report Dated: September 2, 2004



Photo 1. The second drainage crossing. I did not attempt to cross this drainage in my truck.



Photo 2. This is where the road crosses one of the minor drainages. I do not believe this road has been used recently.



Photo 3. The mine pit. Note how the bottom is sloped on the far side; a person falling in to this pit could get out.



Photo 4. The pile of excavated material next to the pit.

ATTACHMENT

Inspection Date: March 28, 2003; Report Date: April 17, 2003

Photographs

S/015/080, Black Butte Mine, GoldTerra



Photo 1. The first crossing.



Photo 3.



Photo 2. The second crossing. I was not able to drive this one.



Photo 4. The excavation and some of the excavated material.



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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

March 31, 2009

Reviewed: _____

Mine Name: Black Butte
Operator Name: GoldTerra

Permit number: S0150080
Inspection Date: March 13, 2009
Time: About 3:00-3:15 PM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker
Other Participants: None
Mine Status: Reclaimed

Weather: Mostly clear, 60s

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds, Permit Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

I wanted to see whether the operator had graded the trenches discussed in the report for the previous inspection.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds, Permit Fees

According to the Trust Lands Administration, the lease for this mine was canceled on October 5, 2007, and the site is now held under lease by a different individual.

7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)

The trenches mentioned in the last inspection report have been regraded, and the mine site itself has also been regraded. I did not see any seed.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

It is probably too late in the year for seeding to be successful. The operator should seed the regraded areas next fall, and I suggest a seed mix that includes Castle Valley clover, mat saltbush, shadscale, and possibly bottlebrush squirreltail and/or Indian ricegrass. The area does not have a lot of vegetation, but there is some.

The operator needs to amend the mine plan to show that the lease has been canceled. I do not know whether the area has been sub-leased or if the operator has lost right of entry.

Inspector's Signature _____

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Photo 1. One of the regraded trenches.



Photo 2. This is the regraded mine site.